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Patent Application

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Applicant: Salem et al.

Serial No. 09/648,204

Filed: December 9, 2002

For: Moisture Indicator For Wet
Pick-Up Suction Cleaner

Examiner: B. C. Lee

Art Unit: 2632

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Washington, D. C. 20231**Affidavit To Overcome Cited Patent or Publication §1.131**

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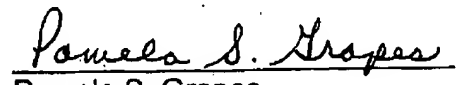
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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, personally appeared Evan A. Gordon who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that the invention in U.S. Patent Application 09/634,204 entitled "Moisture Sensor For A Wet Pick-Up Suction Cleaner" was conceived prior to June 14, 1999.

Dated: December 9th 2002
Evan A. Gordon

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence, this 9th day of December, 2002.

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